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Level 2

Man to take rocket trip to show Earth is flat

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A scientist will try and prove his belief that the Earth is flat. Mike Hughes, 61, is a flat-Earther – someone who believes that the Earth is flat and not round. He loves science and taught himself how to make a rocket. He will get into his rocket and fire it hundreds of meters in the air. The rocket cost Mr Hughes \$20,000 to make. It is powered by steam and can fly at 800 kmh. He told reporters why he made his rocket. He said: "I like to do extraordinary things that no one else can do. No one in the history of mankind has designed, built and launched himself in his own rocket."

Mr Hughes will take photos to prove that the Earth is flat and disc-shaped. He said the Earth is a lot of land surrounded by walls of ice at the edges. He said his project will "shut the door on this ball-Earth" idea. He is a little worried about the flight. He said: "It's as scary as hell, but none of us are getting out of this world alive." Hughes wants to run for Governor of California. He hopes his flat-Earth discovery will help him do this. Mr Hughes' flight will be live on his website this weekend. He said he has put out enough food for his four cats just in case something goes wrong.

Sources: <http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/world/2017/11/stuntman-taking-rocket-trip-to-prove-earth-is-flat.html>.
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. believes that the Earth is flat | a. no one else can do |
| 2. taught himself how | b. steam |
| 3. fire it hundreds of meters | c. his own rocket |
| 4. It is powered by | d. to make a rocket |
| 5. He told reporters why he | e. of mankind |
| 6. do extraordinary things that | f. in the air |
| 7. No one in the history | g. made his rocket |
| 8. launched himself in | h. and not round |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. prove that the Earth is flat | a. him do this |
| 2. surrounded by walls of ice | b. for his four cats |
| 3. It's as scary | c. at the edges |
| 4. none of us are getting out | d. goes wrong |
| 5. his flat-Earth discovery will help | e. his website |
| 6. live on | f. and disc-shaped |
| 7. he has put out enough food | g. of this world alive |
| 8. just in case something | h. as hell |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A scientist will try and (1) _____ that the Earth is flat. Mike Hughes, 61, is a flat-Earther – someone who believes that the Earth is (2) _____ round. He loves science and taught himself how to make a rocket. He will get (3) _____ and fire it hundreds of meters in the air. The rocket cost Mr Hughes \$20,000 to make. It is (4) _____ and can fly at 800 kmh. He told reporters why he made his rocket. He said: "I like to do extraordinary things that no (5) _____ do. No one in the history of mankind has designed, built and launched (6) _____ own rocket."

Mr Hughes will take (7) _____ that the Earth is flat and disc-shaped. He said the Earth is a lot of (8) _____ by walls of ice at the edges. He said his project will "shut the door on this (9) _____. He is a little worried about the flight. He said: "It's as scary as hell, but none of us are getting out of (10) _____. " Hughes wants to run for Governor of California. He hopes his flat-Earth (11) _____ him do this. Mr Hughes' flight will be live on his website this weekend. He said he has put out enough food for his four cats (12) _____ something goes wrong.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EARTH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Earth in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

